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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Dr. Virgil A. Wood of the Pond Street Baptist Church in Providence, RI.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we thank You for the remnants of love that remain within beloved America.

We confess that far too often, we have embraced the anti-love, in thought, word, and deed; please forgive us and mend our every flaw.

In the conflicts of life itself may we find the courage to meditate, to ponder, and to wrestle with the principalities and the powers.

When the conscious love of Your love breaks through our common journey, may we take off our shoes and worship, for that indeed will have become holy ground.

Grant us grace, dear God, to go forward and match deeds of love to our sacred words, that the love which is in the community of all humanity may perfect itself in us.

Having come now to understand how we of all faiths, races, and nationalities, as one people under God, could go forward, may we forever trust and abide in love.

And in the name of the one God of love, we offer this prayer. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 12, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill. The Graham amendment relating to the Outer Continental Shelf is currently pending. Under a previous agreement, there will be up to 90 minutes of debate prior to the vote on or in relation to the amendment. Therefore, the first vote will occur at approximately 11 a.m.

In addition to the Graham amendment, the Senate will consider other amendments to the Energy bill, and Members should expect rollcall votes throughout the day.

It is also possible that the Senate will be able to consider the FAA reauthorization later today. We will notify Members if that becomes available. Also, the Senate may consider addi-

tional nominations on the Executive Calendar. We will be working to schedule votes on the nominations that can be cleared.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we recognize there are efforts being made to go to the FAA bill. We are attempting to clear that on this side. We have a couple of hurdles. I think we have completed one, and we still have one other problem to eliminate. We will certainly know that in the next hour or so.

If that is the case, it is my understanding, having spoken to the two leaders, after we dispose of the amendments pending, the leader would want to go off of the Energy bill and go to the FAA bill. We are trying to allow that to happen if we can clear that.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 14) to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Graham (FL) Amendment No. 884, to strike the provision requiring the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an inventory and analysis of oil and natural gas resources beneath all of the waters of the Outer Continental Shelf.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before we do that, I ask unanimous consent that the time on this matter, which is divided an hour on that side and 30 minutes on this side, be divided equally.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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